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### Santa Clara River Valley “*Railfest 2007*” Set for Weekend of March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

The Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society (SCRVRHS), in conjunction with the Fillmore & Western Railway Co. (F&W), will present the twelfth annual Santa Clara River Valley “*Railfest 2007*” on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This year’s Railfest theme is “Railroading Through Heritage Valley”. The Railfest has now become a regional event and includes Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru. The center of activities will be held in Central Park in Fillmore, California. Other activities will be held in Piru and Santa Paula, California. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Admission and parking are free; however, there is a charge for the railway excursions.

Fillmore & Western will offer a \$25 Adult one-day or a \$35 Adult two-day “Rail Pass” for travel from Fillmore to Santa Paula and Piru, where additional railroad activities are being planned. These vintage trains will consist mostly of traditional pre-1940 heavyweight passenger cars.

Following SCRVRHS’s tradition of providing Southern California with a family fun event, Railfest 2007 offers railroad-related venues such as 1/8<sup>th</sup> Scale Railroad train rides provided by the Ventura County Live Steamers; ‘Speeder’ rides; and informational displays from various railroad-related organizations. Additionally, unique food vendors, including SCRVRHS’s very own Tri-Tip BBQ sandwiches, will ease any hunger. Other attractions include performances by the famous Frontier Gunfighters; antique farm equipment demonstrations; vintage tractors; and arts and crafts.

SCRVRHS's 1956 Union Pacific Pullman Sleeping Car, the "National Embassy", a Santa Fe caboose, the "Vicky Vee", and a Pacific Fruit Exchange boxcar will be on display in Fillmore adjacent to the new SCRVRHS Turntable.

The first RR Turntable to be constructed in California, in over 50 years, will be available for observation prior to its dedication. The RR Turntable is 96 feet in diameter and weighs in at 85 tons. It is located on Main St. in Fillmore between Central Ave. and Mountain View just east of the historic Fillmore Depot.

Trains will depart from the restored Fillmore Depot to Santa Paula at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., and will return from Santa Paula at 11:20 a.m., 1:50 p.m., and 4:20 p.m. Departures to Piru will be at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and will return from Piru at 11:20 a.m., 1:50 p.m., and 4:50 p.m.

In Santa Paula, Limoneira Tours, will provide:

- "California Back Country Jeep Tour" which includes lunch for 11:10 a.m. arrivals for \$40/adult, \$35/senior and \$25/child and without lunch for 1:50 p.m. arrivals for \$30/adult, \$25/senior and \$15/child.
- There will also be a "Hometown-USA-California Style Trolley" ride for those arriving at 11:10 a.m. for \$18/adult, \$15/senior and \$12/child.
- The California Oil Museum will be available for touring at \$4/adult and \$3/senior.
- ½ hour flights in a small plane from the Santa Paula Airport will be available for \$70/two.
- Wine tasting and a local art show will be at the historic Glen Tavern – price to be determined.
- At the Santa Paula Depot there will be a display in the baggage room on "Railroad Movie History" - n/c
- Also in Santa Paula is a self guided walking tour of the historic "Santa Paula Murals" – n/c

A Metrolink train consist will be open for public tours at the Santa Paula Depot.

In Piru, Rancho Camulos will provide:

- Bus trip to Rancho Camulos and tours of the ranch house adobe made famous by the author Helen Hunt Jackson and her book "Ramona" for those arriving at 11:20 a.m., 1:20 p.m. and 2:50 p.m.
- A "RR Spike Driving Contest" will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. – n/c.

Most of the Railfest proceeds benefit the non-profit, one hundred seventy member Railroad Historical Society and its railroad restoration efforts, which includes the ongoing restoration of our

RR Turntable, a future Roundhouse/Railroad Interpretive Center/Exhibit Hall. Donations to the Santa Clara River Valley Railroad Historical Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible. The SCRVRHS Railroad Visitor Center, located across from Fillmore's Central Park at 455 Main Street, contains many historical railroad artifacts, a Lionel .027 model-train layout, a gift shop, and a 20-seat digital theater with surround sound.

Railfest 2007 is located in Fillmore on Central Ave. and Main St., 40 miles as the crow flies, Northwest of Los Angeles in Ventura County on CA-126, nineteen miles west of I-5 and twenty one miles east of US-101 in Ventura County.

For more information, visit [www.scrvrhs.com](http://www.scrvrhs.com) or [www.fwry.com](http://www.fwry.com).